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Battle Creek Bridge Project Begins

Redding – The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has begun work this week on a one million-dollar bridge rehabilitation project at the South Fork Battle Creek Bridge on State Route 36, approximately one mile west of Mineral, in eastern Tehama County. Workers and equipment from the Mercer-Fraser Co. Inc., of Eureka will be removing and replacing the bridge deck, painting the steel girder support system and installing a new concrete bridge rail, bringing the structure up to current design standards. The bridge deck replacement is due to deterioration from many years adverse weather conditions and heavy traffic loads. The structure's last major renovation was during 1967. The project is part of the Department's ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation program to ensure the integrity of California's transportation system.

Motorists will be subject to a one-way traffic control system with the use of a temporary traffic signal, which will be in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with minimal delays. A reduced speed limit of 25 MPH will also be enforced through the construction zone. Advance warning signs will alert motorists when approaching the work zone to be prepared to stop.

Workers and equipment will be in and around the construction zone Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM as weather conditions allow. The project is expected to be complete by the end of October 2003.

The Caltrans Resident Engineer for the project is Wayne Rinard.

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